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FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*  
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, SYNOPSIS 5 STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT**

On September 30, 2003, your Board instructed Public Works to take necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon from the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element's (Siting Element) list of future landfill sites and to report back every 60 days. Based on our August 23, 2010, Status Report to your Board, the reporting frequency was changed from every 60 days to semiannually. This report covers the period from August 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012.

Public Works has prepared a Preliminary Draft Siting Element and has submitted it to the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) on January 19, 2012, for review and comment. Upon concurrence by the Subcommittee, the revised Siting Element will be submitted to the Task Force in April 2012. We anticipate the Task Force's review and concurrence with the document by the summer of 2012. Concurrently, we are working on the preparation of the associated environmental documents. We will continue to keep your Board apprised of the progress.

The Siting Element is a long-term solid waste planning and policy document that describes how the County, and the cities within the County, plan to manage the disposal of their solid waste for a 15-year planning period [as required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939)]. AB 939 also requires the Siting Element to establish goals, policies, and guidelines for the proper planning and siting of landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation (waste-to-energy) facilities, and alternatives to landfill technologies, such as conversion technologies on a Countywide basis.

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We will submit the next status report in August 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano of Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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cc: Chief Executive Office  
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